

# Lockheed Martin Delivers Hawk Mk 2 Flying Training Device For UK Military Flying Training System

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Lockheed Martin has delivered the Hawk-T Mk 2 Flight Training Device (FTD) to Ascent for use in the UK Military Flying Training System at Royal Air Force (RAF) Valley, Wales. Ascent is a joint venture of Lockheed Martin and VT plc., which was formed in June 2008 to provide military flying training to the UK Armed Forces for the next 25 years.

This training device is part of the Ground Based Training Environment element of Ascent's Advanced Jet Training (AJT) service contract and is the first of five key deliveries on the AJT program. Designed and manufactured by Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training & Support (STS), the flight simulator replicates the Hawk-T Mk 2 aircraft and will provide an initial training capability to allow for early conversion of pilots to the Hawk T Mk 2. It will also be used for syllabus development associated with the training service design and implementation.

"The delivery of this simulator is a key milestone for AJT and demonstrates our commitment to the success of the UK's Military Flying Training System program" said Jim Weitzel, vice president of Flight Solutions at Lockheed Martin STS. "MFTS is an exceptional example of using the Private-Public Partnership model as an effective solution for the lowest cost turnkey training."

The FTD has been installed and is operational at RAF Valley in a temporary location, pending the completion of the new squadron and training facility currently under construction. Lockheed Martin will deliver six FTDs and other trainers to Ascent for use in the AJT program.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The Corporation reported 2009 sales of \$45.2 billion.

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